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The Honorable Don Wiggins, Chairman  
York County Board of Supervisors  
Yorktown, VA 23690

Dear Sir:

The family of Mrs. Lydia Fraiser Gardner is requesting the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in recognition of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was born on February 13, 1902. A letter is attached for more information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



The Gardner Family

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Dear Sir:

A very special person will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in February. Mrs. Lydia Fraiser Gardner was born on February 13, 1902 in Williamsburg, Virginia, and has spent at least 96% of her life in the vicinity. She lived in the city of Williamsburg from the pre-restoration era 1902 to 1955, and then she sold her family home to Colonial Williamsburg and moved to the Bruton District of York County.

Mrs. Gardner and her husband, Clifton E. Gardner Sr. (deceased 1986) raised their five children, (one deceased son) to be respected, God fearing, law abiding American citizens. She has eight grandchildren (one deceased) and three great grandchildren who love, respect and adore her.

Her faith in God and active participation in First Baptist Church (1776) of Williamsburg, VA has afforded her good physical health, an alert mind; close family ties and an abundance of friends.

Recently, the city of Williamsburg requested her assistance in reconstructing a pre restoration map of the city for their 300th Anniversary Celebration (1699-1999) because of her phenomenal memory. The request rekindled a spark and she began recalling where most African American families lived in Williamsburg from 1912 until 1955. Much of her oral history is included in the chapter, "African American in Williamsburg, (1865-1945) written by Linda Rowe. Her desire to include everyone resulted in a map too large to be included in the pages of the book, therefore, her map was placed on the inside cover of the book, Williamsburg, Virginia: A City Before the State, (1699-1999) published by the city of Williamsburg and copyright 2000. The city presented her with a large framed color copy of the map and she participated in the book signing. A picture of Lydia and her mother, Nannie Ashby Fraiser is on page 128.

She takes her civic responsibility seriously and votes in local, state and national elections. She was and still is an inspiration to her former students, family, church, friends and community and would be truly honored to receive well wishes from the Board of Supervisors on her birthday.

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